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PETITIONER: ASHLEY RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1101 SAVANNAH HIGHWAY,
CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA (843) 766-5521

IN RE: PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED
CAPTIONING RULES

Ashley River Baptist Church, (ARBC) Charleston, South Carolina, a non-profit religious corporation (church) duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina, hereby submits and files a petition for exemption for its programming from the closed captioning requirements for the broadcast of its Sunday morning services, pursuant to Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1. Pursuant to said rules, compliance would impose an "undue economic burden," as defined in Section 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f).1

ARBC is a Southern Baptist which church records its Sunday Morning worship service and then rebroadcasts it to a small local area. The primary purpose of the broadcast is for the benefit of the shut-in or ill members of our congregation in addition to any who happen to tune in on Sunday morning. Faithful volunteers operate the cameras and equipment. We have no paid staff members assisting in the work due to lack of available funds. We are charged for production and broadcast time.

We are rearranging our broadcast schedule with our current service providers which necessitates that we request this waiver. If we are not granted a waiver from providing closed captioning, it would result in substantial additional cost and place an undue prohibitive financial hardship on our church and would require additional volunteer commitment which we at present do not have. Our church policies do not allow for outside corporate sponsorship and we have no other sources of revenue outside our weekly tithes and offerings to fund our ministries. ARBC is informed and believes the service providers are not in a position to subsidize or provide program production cost free of charge.

- Ashley River Baptist Church (ARBC) is a non-profit organization (Church) duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- ARBC produces in-house and broadcasts locally on television a weekly 60 minute video of its weekly church services.
- The broadcast is filmed and edited by non-paid member volunteers of ARBC
- The Broadcast is aired without compensation to ARBC.
- ARBC is desirous to expand its local broadcast market and has procured a contractual offer to do so with WCSC-TV, a division of Raycom Media.
- ARBC concluded fiscal year 2013 \$73,134 behind budget. (See below)

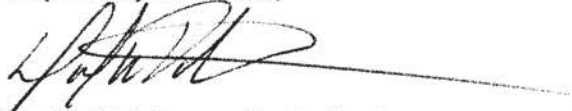
ASHLEY RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT 4TH QTR 2013
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<u>RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>QTR</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>
<u>Stewardship:</u>			
MINISTRY RECEIPTS	340,113	1,286,866	
MINISTRY GOALS	339,999	1,360,000	
Receipts over/(under) goals	<u>114</u>	<u>(73,134)</u>	

- It is against the policies of ARBC to seek corporate sponsorship and no other sources of income are available to fund closed captioning beyond the weekly tithes and offerings received.
- Providing "closed captioning" for its show pursuant to the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1 would create an undue economic burden because of the current financial condition of ARBC and the reality that this obligation would "possibly cause [it] to stop production."
- ABC is informed and believes it would cost an additional amount of \$610 per week for captioning and deliver of the services for a total of \$31,720 annually in addition to startup fees.
- ARBC is unaware of any alternative or substitute display solutions due to the nature of the broadcast being a recorded live worship service.

Thank you for giving consideration to this petition for exemption. Notarized affidavits are attached hereto attesting to the truth and accuracy of the statements contained herein.

Respectfully Submitted,



David W. Patterson, Senior Pastor

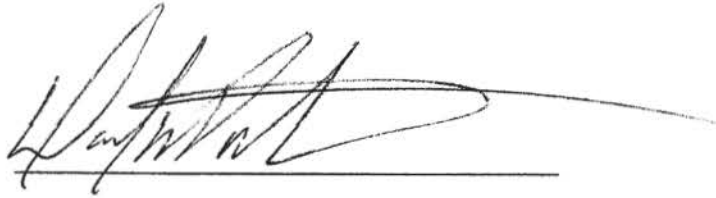
Ashley River Baptist Church
 1101 Savannah Highway
 Charleston, SC 29407

AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

He is the Senior Pastor of Ashley River Baptist Church, 1101 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC and that to the best of his knowledge, all statements and information contained in the Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Rules attached hereto are true and correct.

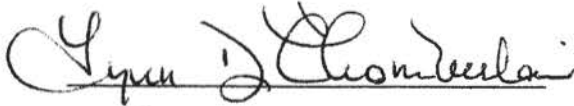
FURTHERMORE THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David W. Patterson, Senior Pastor
Ashley River Baptist Church

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

Before me this 19 day
of February, 2014



Lynn D. Chamberlain

Notary Public for South Carolina

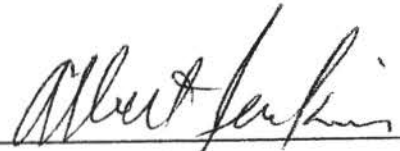
My Commission Expires: August 27, 2017

AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL DELCARATION

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

He is the Ministry Assistant for Finance at Ashley River Baptist Church responsible for maintaining the official financial records, and that receipts received by Ashley River Baptist Church, 1101 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC for the fiscal year ending 2013 were behind budgeted requirements resulting in a \$73,134 budget deficit.

FURTHERMORE THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Albert Jenkins, Ministry Financial Assistant

Ashley River Baptist Church

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